

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 274 of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Salisbury", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

274. The Mayor after the annual election and qualification of the newly elected members of the Council of Salisbury, at its first regular meeting, shall appoint, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Council of Salisbury, as many police officers as he shall deem necessary, but in no event to exceed twenty (20) persons as such police officers; one person, who must be a registered physician and in good standing as "Health Officer"; one person as "Building Inspector", and one person, who shall have had such previous education as is generally required for the degree of B. S. C. E. as "City Engineer".

Each of the above officers shall hold office for two (2) years from the date of his appointment and until his successor is appointed, confirmed and qualified. The duties and compensation of these officials shall be such as are prescribed by law and by ordinance or resolution of the Mayor and Council from time to time.

And said police officers may be suspended without pay for a period not exceeding thirty days or reprimanded by the Mayor for neglect, non-performance of duty or other good cause, and all of said officers shall be subject to removal as provided by Section 278.

The additional police officers authorized by this section shall be appointed by the Mayor of Salisbury and confirmed as aforesaid at any time after the passage of this Act by the General Assembly and its approval by the Governor, and said officers shall hold office until after the next election and qualification of the newly elected members of the Council of Salisbury at its first regular meeting and until their successors are appointed, confirmed and qualified. Nothing in this section shall affect the tenure of office, rights, duties or powers of any officer of the City now holding office.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 23, 1943.